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Small Run of Cattle Here Court Day

Only About 1,200 Head on the Market With Prices About the Same As Last Market Day

(By W. E. Dean)

For about a week in February we had beautiful weather. On Friday the wind began to blow from the snow-clad hills of Illinois and by Monday weather had changed 50 degrees, and the wind was certainly soul-searching. At 9 o'clock there were a few cattle shivering in the pens with no buyers. By 10 A. M., more cattle had come in and a few buyers. By noon both stockyards were comfortably filled with cattle and business began in a hesitating way, the prices of last Court Day being sustained. Good 800 lb steers 10 cents; 500 lbs steers, 8 cents; 300 lb. steers at 6 cents; fat cows, 9 cents; medium cows and heifers, 7 cents; canners, 4 cents. Very few passed over the scales, sellers wishing to guess them off, preferring not to sell than to run risk of losing on cost price in the mountains. Buyers could not blame them, for the stand, so guessed them off by the head. There were about 1,200 head in the two stockyards, for the biggest stock market in Kentucky has two stockyards, each having room for about 5,000 cattle. The stock business of Mt. Sterling has doubled several times during the last five years and gives indications of getting larger with every year. It has all the other towns in Kentucky beaten a block. Situated as it is on the edge of both the highlands and lowlands, it is convenient for the stockmen of each section to meet and join battle for the almighty dollar. The contest is an even one, for what the mountaineer lacks in "book learning" is more than made up in good hard "common sense," and they are fully the equal when it comes to a trade.

I give you a few sales and then will tell you of some public sales of horses and mules that were a success when their real values were considered, but a failure judged by the foolishly big prices that late sales of this class of horses have been bringing here.

Flushed with money gotten for tobacco and made reckless by prosperity undreamed of before, the tobacco tenants of this section paid double what these big teams were worth, expecting to get the same prices for the rest of their tobacco, and when that was cut more than half in two, they felt poorer than when they did when they started and was in no humor to buy anything even at a bargain. Here are some prices: Pair grey three-year-old mares, \$382.50; single mare (5), \$175; grey mare (5), \$177.50; chestnut mare, \$137.50; driving mare, \$137.50; pair of three-year-old mules, \$175; pair of aged mules, \$250; some unsound horses and mares from \$30 to \$100.

The other bunch was withdrawn in the morning and sold in the afternoon at about half the prices obtained here a month ago, for the same sort. Seller claimed he was losing money and he was, on what he was expecting to get for them, but probably making a fair profit on what they cost him. Native grown mules in good flesh and of merit were selling high, from \$175 to \$250 each, but the cold weather

kept the country buyer from wanting work stock for the ground is frozen hard and feed is high, and they are not going to buy work stock until they need them. Some cattle sales follow: James Maze sold 25 extra good 500 lb yearlings at 10 cents.

Mr. Withers, 15 600 lb good steers at 9 1-2 cents.

Mr. Denton bought 57 400 lb steers at 8 cents.

J. F. Swartz, a cow and calf at \$82.50; 12 2-year-old steers at \$9.80; 800 lb heifer (springer), 10 cents; cow at 6 1-2 cents.

Mr. Maze bought a cow and calf at \$120.00.

WINNING HONORS

Miss Kitty Conroy, Mt. Sterling, the charming daughter of Mrs. J. R. Salmon, is winning popularity and honors at the University of Kentucky, where she is enrolled as a Freshman, expected of one who left so brilliant a high-school record.

Miss Conroy matriculated in the College of Arts and Sciences and has chosen for her major study, Romance Languages, and for her minor study, Journalism. Miss Conroy, who shows especial talent in journalism, has been elected a member of the University Press Association, an organization which supplies newspapers of the State with items of University news. Her interest in school activities has led her to join the Horace Mann and Philosophical Literary Societies and Y. W. C. A. All of these societies count her among their most valued members.

Miss Conroy is remembered as being one of the prominent students of her class at Mt. Sterling High. Besides winning first honors under a handicap of illness during her Senior year, she appeared as leading lady in the Senior class play "Katy Did." Her high school life was crowded with duties of many offices and clubs, including the Halleck Literary Society, Girls' Club, Athletic Association and secretary and treasurer of her class. With such popularity and prominence she has begun her college life.

THE TOBACCO MARKET

The local tobacco market remains about the same as it has been for the past three weeks. Low grades continue to predominate and prices remain about the same. Receipts continue heavy, all houses having full floors. The Whitehall is having a sale today and the Farmers will have one tomorrow. All buyers are now on the local breaks. Up to date this market has sold about 6 1-2 million lbs., for an average of around 32 cents. The market here is expected to last about three weeks longer.

EX-SERVICE MAN DIES

Will Steele, aged 42 years, and released from the U. S. Army only a few months ago, died this morning at the home of his cousin, George Turley, on Queen street. Mr. Steele was a veteran of the late war and saw active service in France for many months. During this time he was severely gassed, from which he never recovered, it finally causing his death. Mr. Steele was unmarried. Funeral services will take place tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock at the grave, followed by burial on the Soldiers' lot in Macphelah Cemetery.

SELLS TWO MORE CARS

J. D. Wren Auto Co. sold last week two Dodge touring cars, one to H. B. Ringo and one to Howard Mee.

FAMOUS CHERRY TREES--1920 SPECIES



Popular School Teacher Becomes a Bride

Miss Mattie Hoffman Surprises Her Many Friends By Getting Married in Cincinnati

Miss Mattie Hoffman, of this city, and Mr. M. W. Sowards, of Ashland, stole a march on their friends by going to Cincinnati where they were united in marriage Saturday afternoon at the Palace Hotel. For the ceremony the bride, who is unusually handsome, was attired in a modish tailored suit of navy blue, with hat to match. Her flowers were a corsage of violets. Mrs. Sowards is one of Mt. Sterling's best beloved women, having for many years been a teacher in the city schools here, where she has endeared herself alike to pupils and patrons. She is regarded as one of the State's best educators, and has taken a prominent part in educational matters and club work. Mr. Sowards is a valued employee of the C. & O. R. R., holding the position of mail clerk between Mt. Sterling and Ashland. He is well known here, and has many friends and relatives in this city.

On their return from their honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Sowards will be at home to their friends in their apartment in "The Roberts."

STORY OF A GROUND HOG

On last Saturday Road Engineer, W. H. Canan, while engaged in repairing a culvert on the Levee pike, found a trace of a ground hog and followed it to the middle of the road, where he discovered an excavation of 4 feet across with a quantity of straw and many ground hogs of various sizes were domiciled therein. Mr. Canan and his force of hands killed eight and at least that number escaped. The excavation was under the center of the pike and about twelve inches under the surface of the pike.

A GOOD DEED

Word has come this way bearing the good news that the Montgomery County Fair Association has donated to the Women's Rest Room \$25.00. The women appreciate the donation.

H. W. Patrick has rented the business room opposite the Court House, formerly occupied by F. C. Duerson's Drug Store for showrooms for Maxwell cars.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, God, in his all wise providence has seen fit to call an honored and faithful member of our club, and

Whereas,

The Club and the members will feel the absence of a cheerful and willing worker, be it,

Resolved,

That by the death of Hazel Grubbs the Junior Woman's Club has lost an able and efficient member who ever manifested the keenest interest in the success and uplift of the work, and

That the Junior Woman's Club has been deprived of the co-operation of a wise and earnest worker who was always ready and willing to assist and forward any good cause, and

That the Junior Woman's Club extend their deepest sympathy to the bereaved family, and

That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Club records, a copy sent to the family, and given to the local press for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Harry B. Ringo,

Mrs. Stewart McCormick,

Elizabeth McCoun.

MRS. CARRICK DIES IN FAYETTE COUNTY

Mrs. R. L. Carrick, wife of Dr. Carrick, prominent Lexington physician, died of pneumonia Saturday morning at St. Joseph's Hospital. She is survived by her husband and one son Spence Carrick, of Lexington.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Claude L. Garth, followed by burial in the Lexington Cemetery.

Mrs. Carrick was well known in this city, having frequently been a guest in the home of her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Herriott.

HUNG JURY

The jury in the case of Claude Salyer, charged with the murder of Greene Cole, in this county several months ago, failed to reach a verdict and was dismissed by Judge Marshal Friday. It is reported the jury stood seven for conviction and five for acquittal. The case was tried before Judge Marshall, of Shelbyville, who made a splendid impression by his fair and impartial rulings. Salyer was allowed to give bond and will again be brought to trial at a later term of court.

FORMER MT. STERLING MAN MARRIES SOUTHERN GIRL

Friends in this city have received announcement cards, handsomely engraved, as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Herron Campbell Wilson announce the marriage of their daughter
Alberta Weir
to

Mr. Jay Clarke Kemper
on Wednesday the fourth of February
Nineteen hundred and twenty
Demopolis, Alabama

Mr. Kemper is the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kemper, formerly of this city. He was connected with the local banks here and was regarded as one of this city's most promising young business men. Since his removing to Alabama he has engaged in farming and has made wonderful success. Mr. Kemper is widely related in this county and has many friends here who will learn with interest of his marriage. It is said that his bride is a beautiful young woman and comes of a wealthy and cultured Southern family. The young couple will reside on Mr. Kemper's farm near Demopolis.

PRODUCE REVIEW

The general conditions on produce are most settled this week.

The supply of fresh eggs is larger, but demand is active with slightly lower prices prevailing.

Butter trade is brisk, there being a good demand from consumptive channels. Production is increasing slightly and actual imports from Denmark and prospective receipts from Holland will, no doubt, have a steady effect on the market.

The movement of live poultry in the country is about sufficient to take care of current requirements, but the high prices prevailing have curtailed consumption. There have been no particular changes in the market; satisfactory reductions are being made in storage stocks.

"CHECKERS" COMING TO THE TABB THEATRE

"Checkers," a big special Fox production, taken from the racing melodrama that was a tremendous success on the legitimate stage for many years, will be the attraction at the Tabb Theatre next Monday. The picture was directed for William Fox by Richard Stanton, who staged "The Land of the Free," "The Spy," and "Why I Should Not Marry."

The story is a sensational one, having to do with race horse plots. It ends with one of the most thrilling race track scenes ever witnessed on the screen. The picture is presented with an all-star cast.

Y. W. C. A. VALENTINE PARTY

The High School Y. W. C. A. had a valentine party on Friday night. Original valentines were given to each girl, and the reading of these was thoroughly enjoyed. An interesting program was carried out, after which refreshments were served by seniors and sophomores. The first week in March has been designated as the week for the Y. W. C. A.-drive, which will be conducted here by the High School girls. It is hoped that Mt. Sterling will show her appreciation of this splendid work for girls by contributing liberally.

Pangburn Post Has Enthusiastic Meeting

Local Branch of American Legion to Meet at Court House Each Friday Evening at 7:30

The members of Pangburn Post, local branch of the American Legion, met in the County Court room Friday night, elected officers for the current year and perfected their organization. Much enthusiasm was shown, several new members were admitted and a deep and genuine interest was expressed by every man present. After a good humored battle of ballots the following officers were elected:

Hodge Morris, post commander; Ben Scott, vice post commander; Lewis H. Kilpatrick, adjutant; Raliff H. Lane, finance officer; Robert Stoner, chaplain; William Enoch, historian and Sidney Calk master-at-arms. The executive committee consists of Dr. D. H. Bush, Dr. O. P. Henry, C. T. Coleman, Phil Hollearn and Donald Quisenberry.

The meeting adjourned until Friday evening, 7:30 o'clock, February 20th. Weekly meetings will be held at the same hour each Friday in the County Court room, the remainder of this month, and thereafter, except on special occasions, the Pangburn Post will assemble in regular session once a month.

The objects of the American Legion as set forth in its Constitution, are:

"To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the great war; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

It is earnestly requested that all former soldiers, sailors and marines in Montgomery County join the local post immediately. Standing as it does, for the highest and cleanest ambitions of civic, state and national life, non-sectarian and non-partisan, the American Legion should have the active support of every citizen in this community.

PUBLIC SALE

Having sold my farm I will offer at public auction at my old home place, 7 miles from Mt. Sterling on the Howard's Mill pike, on Saturday, February 21st, beginning at 9 o'clock, a lot of live stock, farming implements and household goods.—T. F. and H. Y. Triplett.

APPLE BUTTER FOR SALE

300 pounds pure home made apple butter, made with white sugar, as fine as you ever tasted. S. P. Greenwald, High street, phone 431.

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